

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-18, 23, and 25-42 were pending in the application. By this paper, method claims 14-18, 31-33, and 39-42 have been canceled without prejudice as being directed to a non-elected invention, and apparatus claims 1, 4-13, 23, 25-30, and 34-48 remain pending.

The applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, *without traverse*. Group I includes claims 1, 4-13, 23, 25-30, and 34-48 directed to an apparatus of the invention.

CONCLUSION

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to discuss any issues or matters of form raised by this paper.

No fee is believed due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of the undersigned's firm.

Respectfully submitted,



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